



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Permit No. QC 1161

**PERMIT FOR ENTRY INTO CALIFORNIA OF
NURSERY STOCK INCLUDING ORNAMENTAL GRASSES FROM IOWA**

Under authority of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), permission is granted to:

Swift Greenhouses
2724 300th Street
Gilman, Iowa 50106

to ship into California various nursery stock including ornamental grasses grown in Iowa, which may otherwise be prohibited by CCR, Section 3263, European corn borer State Exterior Quarantine, and CCR, Section 3280, Japanese beetle State Exterior Quarantine, under the following conditions:

1. Only plants produced by Swift Greenhouses in greenhouses approved by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) and under a compliance agreement with the IDALS may be shipped under this permit.
2. The IDALS shall only approve a greenhouse if all of the plant material grown within it is eligible for shipment to California (a dedicated greenhouse) and IDALS shall conduct an ongoing inspection program for detection of serious plant pests in the plants and greenhouses.
3. For nursery stock regulated for Japanese beetle:
 - a. All growing media shall be sterilized, except for commercially processed or prepared (soilless) growing material.
 - b. All stock shall be free of soil (bareroot) before planting into the approved medium.
 - c. The potted plants shall be maintained within the greenhouse/screenhouse during the entire adult flight period (June through September).
 - d. During the adult flight period (June through September), the greenhouse/screenhouse shall be made secure so that adult Japanese beetle cannot gain entry. Security will be documented by the authorized agricultural official.



- e. No Japanese beetle-contaminated material shall be allowed into the secured area at any time.
 - f. The greenhouse/screenhouse shall be officially inspected by the authorized agricultural official and shall be specifically approved as a secure area. They shall be inspected by the same officials for the presence of all life stages of the Japanese beetle.
 - g. The plants and their growing media shall be appropriately protected from subsequent infestation while being stored, packed, and shipped.
 - h. Certified greenhouse/screenhouse nursery stock shall not be transported into or through any infested areas unless identity is preserved, and adequate safeguards are applied to prevent possible infestation.
 - i. Shipments from each greenhouse/screenhouse operation approved by the authorized agricultural official as having met and maintained the above criteria shall be issued a phytosanitary certificate bearing the following additional declaration (AD): "The rooted plants (or crowns) were produced in an approved Japanese beetle-free greenhouse or screenhouse."
4. For nursery stock regulated for European corn borer:
- a. Plants or cut flowers shall be produced in an approved greenhouse(s) that is tightly enclosed to exclude European corn borer (ECB).
 - b. The greenhouses shall have received all host stock plant material from either an origin free of, or properly certified for ECB.
 - c. A minimum of two ECB traps, with lure appropriate for the ECB population nearest the greenhouse, shall be placed in each greenhouse, away from the doors, and maintained by the origin department of agriculture (DA). The trapping period shall be May 1 through October 31 of each year. The traps shall be pheromone baited ECB traps and shall be serviced weekly. Traps shall be in place from initial planting through the entire production cycle.
 - d. If ECB is trapped, the DA shall immediately notify the Pest Exclusion Interior Program and shall discontinue shipments of permitted plants from the greenhouse in which the ECB was trapped.
 - e. All plants shall be produced in sterilized potting media and in new or sterilized containers.
 - f. All plants and plant parts shipped under this permit shall have been inspected by the DA prior to shipment and found free of visible signs of internal or external infestation by ECB.

g. Each shipment of plants shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by a representative of DA confirming that the shipment is free from European corn borer and including the statement "Meets California's Systems Approach for European Corn Borer." The certificate shall also provide the name and address of the shipper and consignee as well as the number of plants in the shipment.

h. In lieu of a paper certificate, a sticker or stamp-type certificate may be used with the following format:

Nursery Stock Shipped Under Authority of Permit No. QC 1161.
Approved by Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
_____(Signature)_____
Authorized Representative

i. All shipments shall be moved directly from the origin greenhouse to the California destination without diversion.

j. All shipments are subject to inspection upon arrival in California.

k. The detection of ECB, or other serious plant pest, or violation of any of the conditions of this permit, may be sufficient cause for immediate revocation of this permit.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through December 31, 2022.



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Swift Greenhouses
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship



2022 California Compliance Agreement

Swift Greenhouses located in Marshalltown County, Iowa, is entering into a compliance agreement with the Iowa Department of Agriculture to facilitate the export of greenhouse nursery stock into the State of California. This compliance agreement is limited to the scope of the following commodities and restrictions.

This Compliance Agreement is in effort to meet the special permit; **QC 1161**

Approved Commodities: Nursery Stock (except nursery stock of apple, crab apple, citrus, juniper, pine, oak, sudangrass, vegetable plants, and any species listed as a California noxious weed in CCR 4500- <http://ucanr.edu/sites/plantpest/files/63514.pdf>)

Permission is Granted to:

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to ship into California the approved nursery stock above grown in Iowa, under the following conditions;

1. Approved Greenhouses

Only plants produced by Swift Greenhouses, in greenhouses approved by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) may be shipped under this Compliance Agreement with the IDALS.

2. Plant Segregation and Ongoing Inspection for California Destined Material

The IDALS shall only approve a greenhouse if all of the plant material grown within it is eligible for shipment to California (a dedicated greenhouse) and IDALS shall conduct an ongoing inspection program for detection of serious plant pests in the plants and greenhouses.

3. Japanese Beetle Requirements

Only plants meeting CCR 3280 for Japanese beetle, produced in an approved Japanese beetle-free greenhouse/screenhouse as outlined below, will be shipped under this compliance agreement:

- All growing media shall be sterilized, except for commercially processed or prepared (soilless) growing material.
- All stock shall be free of soil (bareroot) before planting into the approved medium.



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- The potted plants shall be maintained within the greenhouse/screenhouse during the entire adult flight period.
- During the adult flight period the greenhouse/screenhouse shall be made secure so that adult Japanese beetle cannot gain entry
- No Japanese beetle-contaminated material shall be allowed into the secured area at any time.
- The greenhouse/screenhouse shall be officially inspected by the authorized agricultural official and shall be specifically approved as a secure area. They shall be inspected by the same officials for the presence of all life stages of the Japanese beetle.
- IDALS requires that Swift Greenhouses has:
 - Enclosed all the greenhouses with 1/16-inch screening.
 - The Greenhouse has high volume flow of air movement to push inside air through the screening, which generally excludes any insects from entering into the screening.
 - A continuous scouting process that detects any harmful pests and immediately moves to control the pest with biocontrol or conservative chemistry to preserve natural predators.
 - No plant material will be shipped if any known pests are present within the greenhouse.
- The plants and their growing medium shall be appropriately protected from subsequent infestation while being stored, packed and shipped.
- Certified greenhouse/screenhouse nursery stock shall not be transported into or through any Japanese beetle infested areas unless identity is preserved, and adequate safeguards are applied to prevent possible infestation.
- Shipments from each greenhouse/screenhouse operation approved by the authorized agricultural official as having met and maintained the above criteria, shall be shipped with the following statement:

"The rooted plants (or crowns) were produced in an approved Japanese beetle-free greenhouse or screenhouse."

4. European Corn Borer Requirements

Only plants meeting 3263 (European Corn Borer), produced in an approved Japanese beetle-free greenhouse/screenhouse as outlined below, will be shipped under this compliance agreement:

- Plants of aster, chrysanthemum, or hollyhock are not required to be certified for CCR 3263 (European Corn Borer) if they are seedling plants or divisions without stems of the previous year's growth.



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- Plants or cut flowers of aster, chrysanthemum, geraniums, hollyhock, dahlia, gladiolus, dahlia tubers with stems, and gladiolus corms with stems, may be certified under this compliance agreement only when Swift Greenhouses has:
 - Received stock plant material from either an origin free of, or properly certified for ECB
 - Has been inspected by IDALS and found free of ECB
 - Greenhouses tightly screened to exclude ECB
 - Inside area trapped by IDALS with negative results for ECB
- Shipments from each greenhouse approved by IDALS as having met and maintained the above criteria, shall be shipped with the following statement:

"The plants in this shipment were produced in an approved European Corn Borer Greenhouse."

5. Transport of Approved Product

All shipments shall be moved directly from Swift Greenhouses, Iowa, to the California destinations without diversion

6. California Inspection

All Shipments shall be subject to inspection upon arrival in California

The detection of European Corn Borer or Japanese beetle or other serious plant pest, or violation of any of the conditions of this compliance agreement, shall be sufficient cause of immediate revocation of this permit and destruction of the plants, or return of the plant material to origin at the expense of the permittee.

This Permit Expires: November 30, 2022

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Swift Greenhouses
Owner/President

Scott W. Swift President

Date: Nov. 29, 2021

Nicolas A. Groves
Iowa Department of Agriculture
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Entomologist

Nicolas A. Groves

Date: 11/29/21



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Shipping Certificate:

The plants in this shipment, originating from Swift Greenhouses (Gilman, Iowa) meet CCR 3280 for Japanese beetle and CCR 3262 for European corn borer:

The Rooted plants (or crowns) were produced in an approved Japanese beetle free greenhouse or screenhouse.

The plants in this shipment were produced in an approved European corn borer free greenhouse.

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Nicolas A. Groves

Certifying Regulatory Official (Print)

(Sign)

(Date)